

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 445

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Katherine Denae Parker,
2009 Valedictorian of Big Sandy High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Katherine Parker is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2009 graduating class at Big Sandy High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Parker has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, she has earned an exemplary grade point average while participating in a number of extracurricular organizations and activities, including the Beta Club, Youth Leadership, the Yearbook Staff, the Spanish Club, the Biology II Club, the Art Club, the prom committee, the Lions Club, and the basketball and softball teams; and

WHEREAS, a leader among her peers, Ms. Parker rendered sterling service as the class president and vice-president and donated her time to several civic-minded volunteer endeavors, including the United Way Radio Auction and a Red Cross Blood Drive; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Katherine won subject awards in Spanish II, Biology I, Algebra II, and Personal Computing; garnered the Best Defensive Player Award, the Scholar Athlete Award, and All-District recognition for her excellence on the softball diamond; and held the highest free throw percentage on the basketball team; and

WHEREAS, Katherine's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Parker's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her family, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Katherine's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2009 Big Sandy High School Valedictorian, Katherine Denae Parker, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.